

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) The food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Previously Presented) The food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) The food or beverage of Claim 3, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

5. (Previously Pending) The food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) comprises caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A food or beverage comprising:

~~(a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and~~

~~(b) caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or~~

~~pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, the supplement of Claim 10~~

wherein said food or beverage is selected from the group consisting of a milk product, a cereal or pasta product, a soy product, a rice product, a wheat flour product, an oil or fat-containing food, a condiment, a semisolid food, a sauce, a soup, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea, decaffeinated tea, a herbal tea or infusion, a chocolate product, a beverage containing alcohol, a fruit or vegetable juice and a soft drink.

7. - 9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A supplement comprising

(a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

(b) caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein the supplement is in the form of a tablet, granule, fine subtile, pill, powder, capsule, troche, medicinal drink, solution for injection, suppository, or dermatological preparation.

11. (Previously Presented) A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of the food or beverage of Claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

12. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

13. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

14. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing a rise in blood pressure comprising administering an effective dosage of the food or beverage of Claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

15. (Original) The process of Claim 14, wherein the rise of systolic blood pressure is reduced.

16. (Original) The process of Claim 14, wherein the rise in diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

17. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) The supplement of Claim 10, wherein (b) consists of caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

31. (Previously Presented) The supplement of Claim 10, wherein (b) consists of a chlorogenic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

32. (Previously Presented) The supplement of Claim 31, wherein the chlorogenic acid is selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

33. (Previously Presented) The supplement of Claim 10, wherein (b) comprises caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

34. (Previously Presented) A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of the supplement of Claim 10 to a subject in need thereof.

35. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 34, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

36. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 34, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

37. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing a rise in blood pressure comprising administering an effective dosage of the supplement of ~~Claim 8~~ Claim 10 to a subject in need thereof.

38. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein the rise of systolic blood pressure is reduced.

39. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 37, wherein the rise in diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1, 7, 9, and 17-19 were previously canceled.

Claims 8 and 20-29 are now canceled.

Claims 6 and 37 have been amended.

The amendment of Claims 6 and 37 is supported by the original claims as filed. The amendment of Claims 6 and 37 is further supported by the specification, for example at pages 3-6 and 8-12.

No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.